

Program Description/Textbook or Print Instructional Material

Vendor: Delmar Learning Web Address: www.delmar.com

Title: Soil Science and Management

Author: Plaster Copyright: 2003

ISBN: 0-7668-3935-4 Course/Content Area: Vocational and Career Education; Agriculture;
Agricultural Education

Intended Grade or Level: 9-12 Readability Level: 9.9 (Flesch Kincaid)

List Price: 103.95 Lowest Wholesale Price: 77.00

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Level of Accommodations (Level One, Two or Three) Level Three

If Level Two or Three, please provide rationale for not meeting Level One Compliance It is not financially feasible for our products to meet Level One at this time.

FEATURES

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Content

- Essential to the understanding of sustainable agriculture, the effect of human activity on soil, and the management of soil and water resources including soil nutrition and other influences, this is a solid reference and learning tool.
- Addition of insights of ecosystem ecology: the study of the flow of energy and materials within and between ecosystems including improved description of the decay process.
- Learning about all the various aspects of soil usage including management techniques, composition, fertility, erosion, conservation, irrigation and more is essential to anyone using soils toward a productive and sustainable end.
- Updated and expanded coverage of soil pedology and classification and soil life

Student Experiences

- Non-technical, and easy-to-understand, Soil Science and Management, 4E teaches the essentials of soils from the perspective of farmers, horticulturists, environmentalists, and others who are concerned about how soils work and how they are used most effectively.

Assessment

For Community and Technical College level courses in soil sciences, this text emphasizes the human interaction with and affect on soils, rather than treating the soil as an independent element.

Comprehensive, yet not intimidating, this text has been revised to encompass more ecological themes within the established topics of soil science and use. Non-technical, and easy-to-understand, Soil Science and Management, 4E teaches the essentials of soils from the perspective of farmers, horticulturists, environmentalists, and others who are concerned about how soils work and how they are used most effectively. An emphasis on management and the sustainable use of soils and water resources make it especially relevant to these audiences. Nutrient management, best practices and relevant legal issues and government programs make this text a practical application for agricultural and horticultural students.

Organization

- An appendix is included to familiarize the horticultural student with basic chemistry concepts
- New updated color soil map of the United States
- References to soil/atmosphere interactions that influence global climate

Resource Materials

Gratis Items To Be Provided And Under What Conditions

Instructor's Manual (0-7668-3937-0) Free 1 per teacher

Available Ancillary Materials

RESEARCH DATA AND EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS

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Group V - Career/Technical Vocational/Practical Living Education Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool Agriculture/Production



Title: Soil Science and Management \$77.00			
Publisher: Delmar			
Item Evaluated: Textbook			
Copyright Date: 2003		Evaluator: DJ Matherly and Pam Zeller	
Content Level: 9-12		Date of Evaluation 30 July 03	
Level of Alternative Format	Level 1 – Full Compliance	Level 2 – Provisional Compliance	Level 3 – Marginal Compliance
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Overall Strengths and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations:
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**Group V - Career/Technical
Vocational/Practical Living Education
Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool
Agriculture/Production**



Title: Soil Science and Management		Publisher \$77.00
Technology Management Summary Data:	20 possible points	___0___ points earned
Technology Management Comments:		
Technology Presentation/Interface Summary Data:	40 possible points	___0___ points earned
Technology Presentation/Interface Comments:		
Content Summary Data:	52 possible points	___17___ points earned
Content Comments:		
Instruction & Management Summary Data	52 possible points	___47___ points earned
Instruction & Management Comments:		
Organization & Structure Summary Data	36 possible points	___34___ points earned
Organization & Structure Comments:		
Resource Material Summary Data	40 possible points	___38___ points earned
Resource Material Comments:		



Group V - Career /Technical & Vocational/Practical Living

Electronic Instructional Media Review Form

Stand Alone/Independent or Integrated Software for Agriculture/Production



Equipment (circle or change fill color)	Grade Level (circle or change fill color)	Audience (circle or change fill color)	Format (circle or change fill color)	Cost _____		
Windows	Primary	Individual	Stand Alone/Independent	_____ single copy		_____ site license
Macintosh	Intermediate	Small Group	Integrated	_____ network version		_____ school version
CD-ROM	Middle	Large Group	Supplemental	_____ lab pack of ____ copies		_____ online
DVD	High		In lieu of basal text			
Sound						
Other						

If other, explain _____

Type of Software: Check all that apply	_____ Simulation	_____ Management	_____ Interdisciplinary	_____ Problem Solving	_____ Tutorial
_____ Exploratory	_____ Creativity	_____ Drill and Practice	_____ Critical Thinking	_____ Utility	_____ Other:

Rating Scale:	3—Some of the time	1—None of the time
4—All or the time	2—Minimally	0— Not applicable

Management	Rating
Allows customizing for individual learning needs.	
Allows students to exit and resume at a later time.	
Keeps a students performance record, where needed.	
Allows control of various aspects of the software (e.g., turning sound off).	
Allows for printed reports.	
Comments:	Total

Presentation/Interface	Rating
Presents material in an organized manner.	
Has consistent, easy-to-use, on-screen instructions.	
Has developmentally correct presentation format.	
Adapts to different learning environments (learning styles/multiple intelligences, etc.)	
Accessible for special needs students.	
Runs smoothly, without long delays.	
Presents easy-to-view text and graphics.	
Presents easy-to-hear and understand sounds.	
Avoids unnecessary screens, sounds, and graphics.	
Provides immediate, appropriate feedback.	
Comments:	Total

Content—Agriculture/Production	Rating
Career Focus/Employability Skills/Workplace Readiness Skills	2
Supervised Agricultural Experience (Work Based Learning)	2
Leadership Development / FFA Student Organization	0
Animal Science	0
Plant & Land Science	4
Agribusiness/Farm Management	2
Sales & Marketing/Planning, Analysis, Strategies, etc.	0
Small Power Equipment/Ag. Power & Machinery	0
Ag. Construction/Ag. Structures & Design	0
Sales & Marketing/Planning, Analysis, Strategies, etc.	0
Technology in Agriculture (Food Animal, Plant, Crop Environmental, Bio-Tech)	3
Emerging Agricultural Technologies (GIS, GPS, Tissue Culture, Cloning, etc.	0
Agriscience Principles	4
Comments:	Total 17

Rating Scale:	2—Minimally
4—All or the time	1—None of the time
3—Some of the time	0— Not applicable

Instruction and Assessment	Rating
Identifies a Sense of Purpose	4
Builds on Student Ideals	4
Engages Students	4
Develops Production Ideas	4
Promotes Student Thinking	4
Assesses Student Progress	3
Enhances The Learning Environment	4
Reading level is appropriate for interest and ability level of intended student group; level remains consistent throughout.	4
Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) "like" Assessment is provided	3
Variety of Assessments (diagnostic, formative, summative, open response, multiple choice, individual, small group, oral, demonstrations, presentations, self and peer performance, portfolio prompts) is included.	3
Includes activities and opportunities for integration of technology.	3
Reflects researched-based practices (e.g. hands-on activities, technology, problem-solving situations)	4
Differentiation techniques and activities suggested.	3
Comments:	Total 47

Rating Scale:	3 – Some potential for learning	1 - Not present
4 – High potential for learning	2 – Little potential for learning	0 – Not applicable

Organization and Structure	Rating
Organization is logical and allows for spiraling of content.	4
Vocabulary and key terms are clearly defined and easily accessible within each lesson.	4
Visual illustrations (e.g. graphs, charts, models) and examples are clearly presented and content-related.	3
Illustrations and language reflect diversity (e.g. racial, ethnic, cultural, age, gender, disabilities).	3
Legible type, length of lines, spacing, and page layout and width of margins contribute to overall appearance and use.	4
Student materials seem durable and conducive to daily use.	4
Includes sufficient glossary, index and appendices.	4
Employs accurate grammar and spelling	4
Organization of material can be effectively used with Standards Based Units, Core Content and Program of Studies.	4
Comments:	Total 34

Resource Materials	Rating
Teacher materials coordinate easily with student materials (e.g. additional resources included at point of need, student pages shown, integration of technology indicated)	4
Activities are included that adapt to the various learning styles, intelligences, and interest/ability levels.	3
Extension activities including adaptations and accommodations for students with special needs.	3
Resources provide objectives, background information, common student errors, hints, advice for lesson implementation and real-world connections, connections with career and/technology and references (e.g. solution manuals, study guides)	4
Suggestions are made for integration of themes and /or interdisciplinary instruction.	4
Integration opportunities suggested and examples given.	4
Teacher resources are available online.	4
Online resources available – Repeat of information in text.	4
Online resources available – Practice skills only.	4
Online resources available – New application materials.	4
Comments:	Total 38

Rating Scale:	2—Minimally
4—All or the time	1—None of the time
3—Some of the time	0— Not applicable